

NEW YORK LETTER.

GOTHAM'S GREAT ESTATES AND THE WORLD'S FAIR.

The Truth About Mary Anderson's Health—
Miss Huntington's Yellow-Haired
Prince—Love-Making in High Life.

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The great battle among land-owners and speculators, over the site for the World's Fair, was not decided by the Executive Committee on Site, the examination of four of the proposed sites will begin about the latter part of September. New and powerful competition has arisen in the shape of the estates of wealthy families and well-known millionaires. The Astors, John D. Crimmons, the Fields, ex-Mayer Grace, the Hammersleys, and the Cuttings have joined the holding companies which will be vastly improved in value should the Fair come their way. At the latest meeting of committee men were submitted showings of the properties of Point Oak, Point Pleasant and Morningside Park.

Unlike the great downtown estates, which have been held in some instances for generations, these suburban properties are of recent acquisition, and the cost of the purchase is far from the Fair would be to add millions to the coffers of some of the richest of our population. Outside speculators are regarding this new development with watchful eyes, and every man who has a large estate and is allowed as graciously as a hunter follows his game. They see their own chances of profit vanishing as the big holders come to the front, for the latter can offer to the community better accommodations than outsiders could afford to.

GREAT ESTATES.

Four people, even in New York, have an adequate idea of the extent of the property held by these great estates and of the nomination of the "unmeasured increment" proposed by the landholders to the Fair, which it has represented in value. The Astors, who are among the very largest holders, think nothing of purchasing almost an entire block at a time. They own entire blocks in the Fifth and Sixth avenues, with the exception of the Union-Club building, and are claimed to be the largest owners of improved real estate in the world, the next step being the ownership of the Isle of England.

The following list will give an approximate idea of the phenomenal rise in values in the great New York estates—a rise which will be still further increased should the Fair site be located upon any of the properties mentioned.

	Present	Original
Owners	Value	Cost
Hammelers	\$ 6,000,000	\$ 1,750,000
Fields	6,000,000	2,000,000
Crimmons	6,000,000	2,000,000
John D.	6,000,000	2,000,000
Cuttings	10,000,000	3,000,000
Astors	250,000,000	25,000,000
Others	20,000,000	5,000,000
Total	500,000,000	65,000,000
John D. Morgan	7,000,000	1,000,000
John D. Parker	10,000,000	1,000,000
John D. McDonald	50,000,000	1,000,000
Crimes W. Fields	2,000,000	500,000
W. H. Grace	4,000,000	1,000,000

*Estimated.
This shows that while fortunes may be made in Wall Street, the greater wealth is to be found in the great estates and the World's Fair will add to the list of New York landed millionaires considerably, especially as it now seems to be settled that the Fair will go to the West side—the long-sought-for home by the American Croesus who have their homes along the beautiful banks of the Hudson.

MARY ANDERSON NOT MADE.

Mary Anderson has really been spending the summer very quietly at Malvern Wells in England, where she has been a regular visitor to the famous watering place. Her chief disqualification for work on the stage is a polyphonia in the nose, but her general health is said to be seriously impaired.

She has been very unwell on her last return from America, apparently from overwork in her profession, but she is now very much better and regaining strength. She will, however, require a long time to recover fully, and is as yet quite unequal to accepting any engagements.

I am sorry that my letter is too late for this evening's post, but I was anxious before writing to see if friends with whom Mary Anderson has been staying would prefer me to wait until after the Fair to tell them of my certain that my report is accurate.

They assure me that I am quite correct, and that all rumors as to my medical infirmity are utterly groundless.

J. D. FRIMANSON.

After her arrival from America she went to reside in a quiet locality in Kensington, London, where, owing to her state of health, she remained during the winter and spring time. She afterwards removed to the village of Malvern Wells, which she had visited twice before, and which she regards as the most delightful spot she ever saw. She expects to resume her professional labors as soon as she is well again, but it is doubtful if she is able to do so.

MISS HUNTINGTON'S YELLOW-HAIRED PRINCE.

Americans returning from Paris this week say that next to the Exposition itself the leading topic in the American colony there has been the engagement of Miss Huntington to the railroad millionaire Collis P. Huntington. While there was a good deal of varying speculation as to the probability of the railroad magnate giving his consent to one who was to be wed, he was also another plan of the affair which attracted him in an even greater degree.

"I heard in several quarters," said a gentleman who returned on the steamer City of New York, which brought in Mr. Chamberlain, Depew, and others, "that the two young people were first thrown together through the efforts of an American lady who has acquired quite a reputation in Paris as a master of ingénue matches; some of the girls have been brilliant and beautiful, while others have been banal failures."

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